

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, prenumbered line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

155 g of triacetoneamine were initially charged in 800 ml of toluene together with 124 g of ethylene glycol. Subsequently, sufficient sulfuric acid (106 g) was added that the reaction mixture showed an acidic pH ( $\leq 2$ ) when tested with a moistened indicator paper. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux temperature and water of reaction formed was removed on a ~~rotary evaporator~~ water separator. After approx. 45 minutes, large amounts of a water-insoluble solid precipitated out and collected as sticky deposits on the flask and stirrer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, prenumbered line 21 to page 10, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

77 g of triacetoneamine were initially charged in 240 g of toluene together with 47 g of ethylene glycol. Subsequently, sufficient phosphoric acid (63 g) was added that the reaction mixture showed an acidic pH ( $\leq 2$ ) when tested with a moistened indicator paper. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux temperature and water of reaction formed was removed on a ~~rotary evaporator~~ [water separator]. After approx. 3 hours, there was less than 10% of the desired product according to the gas chromatogram. Instead, a plurality of secondary components had formed which were not investigated further.

REMARKS

The specification at page 9 is amended to correct a clerical error. No new matter is believed to be added by these amendments.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

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